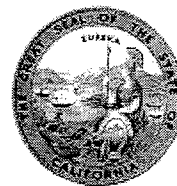




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Dear Ms. Lauver:

The Maternal, Child and Adolescent Health/Office of Family Planning (MCAH/OFP) and Children's Medical Services (CMS) Branches of the California Department of Health Services are pleased to submit the FFY 2006 Title V Block Grant Application and Annual Report for FY 2004. We appreciate having this opportunity to showcase the many projects and programs we have underway in California to improve the health of mothers, adolescents and children, including children with special health care needs. We are grateful to you for your leadership in supporting our State Title V programs.

The MCAH/OFP and CMS Branches are also pleased to submit the California 2006-2010 Title V Five Year Needs Assessment. This Needs Assessment is the culmination of more than three years of planning, analysis and evaluation among local health jurisdictions and stakeholders in partnership with the California Department of Health Services. Both branches provided leadership in assessing and prioritizing the local and statewide needs of MCAH and CSHCN populations. The inclusive, collaborative methods used in preparing the needs assessment have provided input from a broad range of local program managers, stakeholders, and families. As a result of this process, we have gained a deeper understanding of the current and emerging challenges of California's Title V population.

If you should have any questions or need additional information, please call Dr. Susann J. Steinberg, at (916) 650-0300, or Dr. Marian Dalsey, at (916) 327-3076.

Sincerely,

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